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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase Application of:
BRAVEN, Helen and KEAY, Russell

Title: NUCLEIC ACID PROBES, THEIR SYNTHESIS AND USE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Final Office action, mailed 21st May, 2009. Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2)-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office action dated May 21, 2009, such extension allowing the undersigned until October 21, 2009 to respond.

This response is accompanied by a simultaneously-filed request for continued examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

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